



**United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service, Science and Technology
Pesticide Data Program
Commodity Fact Sheet**
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- **PRODUCT:** Fresh Bananas (BN)
- **ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Fresh whole bananas
- **UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Plantains; baby, petite, or dwarf bananas; reds; manzano bananas; dried bananas
- **AVAILABILITY:** Year round.
- **SAMPLE SIZE:** 5 lbs
- **PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:** Coolant materials are not required. Use sufficient cushioning materials to prevent movement during shipping. Do not ship in the same box with other ethylene producing/sensitive fresh commodities. Preferably, pack bananas in paper bags for ripening purposes (the paper bags can be tamper-proofed by rolling the bag, stapling it, then placing your State ID sticker and/or tape on the bag, across and perpendicular to the *fold*.) Plastic bags may be used, but place several pin holes in bag to allow for ventilation.
- **ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:** Producer if bananas are ripening. Sensitive if bananas are unripe.

This fact sheet is to be used in conjunction with all applicable PDP Standard Operating Procedures <http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pdp/SOPs.htm>

